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The latest news and updates in Connecticut agriculture

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May 20 is [#WorldBeeDay](#), a time to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators for the ecosystem. Pollinators play a vital role in agriculture - approximately 30% of the food and fiber crops grown throughout the world depend upon pollinators for reproduction.

2022 Legislative Session Summary, Part 2

Significant Funding Appropriated to Agriculture in State Budget

By Kayleigh Royston

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	<p>changing Covid-19 climate made the timeline feel more compact. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's (CT DoAg) legislative package was released by the Office of Policy and Management just days before the start of session and originally contained four separate bills.</p> <p>Over the course of the session, through numerous meetings with legislators, lobbyists, committee meetings and multiple public hearings, the Departments agency package was combined into what became <u>Public Act 22-54</u>. This bill reconstitutes the Governor's Council on Agricultural Development into the Governor's Council on Agricultural Development and Innovation. This includes updating the appointments to reflect current industry, and charges the council to make recommendations on ways to increase agriculture in the state by developing innovative market opportunities, including urban agriculture, integration and adoption of new technologies, controlled environment agriculture, and diversification of products and opportunities. This bill also makes conforming language changes for service animals, updates the definition of aquaculture to include long lines and forms a working group with CT DoAg and the Town Clerks Association to develop a plan to create an online dog licensing portal.</p> <p>In addition to the agency's legislative proposal, several hundred bills passed both chambers and are ready to be signed by the Governor. Some of them include an increase to the gross sale limit for cottage food operations, the creation of a working group to study how CT's existing hemp industry plays a role in the emerging cannabis industry, revising notice requirements for pesticide applications near lakes and ponds, and expands CT's Clean Energy Program.</p> <p>This session, the legislature crafted and voted on a one-year budget, to allocate the remaining American Rescue Plan Act Funds and make budget adjustments from last year. In February, Governor Lamont made his budget recommendations and from there, the legislature met with state agencies, non-profits, and the public to craft a \$24.2 billion dollar state budget. Governor Lamont signed this budget last week, and it included significant investments in agriculture.</p> <p>With remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, this budget increases the allocation for the CT Grown for CT Kids Grant program to \$500,000 for FY 23. In its first cycle, DoAg received 59 applications for this grant, with over \$962,000 in requests. The 13 grant recipients spanned the entire state and we look forward to increasing the number of grant awardees with this additional funding.</p> <p>The Department will receive up to \$14 million, through a combination of general fund dollars and bonding, to invest in climate smart agriculture and forestry practices. This will build off the work done in the Governor's Council on Climate Change and Executive Order 3 last year, which charged state agencies to</p>	

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plays in Connecticut's climate change strategy and how crucial Connecticut farms are to meeting our goals.

There is additional funding for grants for food resource organizations for capitol improvements, funding to implement a farm manure management system, and funding to support the care of seized animals.

Over the next several months, CT DoAg will convene the dog licensing working group, meet with other agencies and organizations on the implementation of new programs and funding, and begin to prepare next year's legislative agenda.

As always, should you have any questions on any of the legislation that passed this session, please reach out to Kayleigh Royston at Kayleigh.Royston@ct.gov.

Free Training Opportunity for Connecticut Professionals:

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has generously sponsored 205 free seats on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information scan the QR code!

These free seats are supported by the 2021 Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network Grant (award # 2021-70035-35552) administered by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.



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MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (CT DoAg) was awarded a \$500,000 grant from U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) as part of their Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network (FRSAN) State Department of Agriculture projects in 2021. CT DoAg has partnered with various organizations to provide comprehensive programming to agricultural producers in need of support including UConn Extension's Solid Ground and 4H programs, Agri-Safe, and Land for Good.

Mental health is one important component of overall health and well-being, just like physical health. But mental health conditions, resources, and conversations can still feel complicated and out of reach. In collaboration with UConn Extension's Solid Ground, a video series with experienced farmers discussing the stressors they experience from urban farming to raising a family to succession planning, and even balancing all the daily demands is now available. [Farm Talk](#) features Steve Munno from Massaro Community Farm, Lauren Little from Lauren Little Edutainment and I Got Next Farmer Coalition, and Andromeda Macri of River Crest Farm. Additional videos including [Farmer Stress and Solutions](#) and [What It's Like: What to Expect if You Want to See a](#)

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	<p>Through the partnership with AgriSafe, CT DoAg is funding up to 205 seats for Connecticut healthcare professionals to access training at no cost to effectively care for a farmer's total health. AgriSafe's Farm Response online learning is a 3.5 hour continuing education module developed by national experts to provide appropriate mental healthcare for agricultural producers and their families.</p> <p>Crisis Hotline</p> <p>Everyone deserves access to the support they need, when they need it – and that includes mental health support. There's often no one single cause for a mental health condition. Instead, there are many possible risk factors that can influence how likely a person is to experience a mental health condition or how serious the symptoms may be.</p> <p>Starting July 16, 2022, call 988 for matters of mental health crisis. Calling 988 will connect you directly to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which is staffed by trained crisis counselors 24/7, 365 days a year. In the meantime, if you or someone you know is in crisis, please continue to contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or the Crisis Text Line by texting MHA to 741741.</p> <p>To access more Farmer Mental Health Resources, visit CTGrown.gov and click the tab under Featured Links on the home page.</p> <hr/> <p>CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURE IN THE NEWS</p> <p>Preston farm family raises animals naturally, educates public, 5/18, The Day</p> <p>CT Grown for CT Kids Grant Program Announced at Andrew Avenue, 5/17, Patch.com</p> <p>UConn Supports Connecticut's Greenhouse Industry – An Integral Part of Agriculture, 5/16, UConn Today</p> <p>Farms growing due to agro-tourism; grant aimed at strengthening that, 5/13, WTNH</p> <hr/>	

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GOVERNOR LAMONT VISITS FREUND'S FARM MARKET AND COWPOTS

On Thursday, May 19, Governor Lamont (center), Commissioner Hurlburt (left), and State Rep. Maria Horn (second from right), visited Ben Freund (second from left) and Theresa Freund (right) owners of CowPots, LLC and Freund's Farm Market in East Canaan, CT, to learn how this second and third generation farm family is using technology and innovation to diversify their operation in a sustainable manner.

CowPots are made using 100% renewable and recycled, composted cow manure from their dairy herd and are sold at their farm market and retailers nationwide. In 2021, CowPots, LLC received a Farm Transition Grant through CT Department of Agriculture to modernize their production line to increase capacity and efficiency to meet booming consumer demand for gardening supplies during the pandemic.

USDA TO PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY \$6 BILLION TO COMMODITY AND

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		<p>The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that commodity and specialty crop producers impacted by natural disaster events in 2020 and 2021 will soon begin receiving emergency relief payments totaling approximately \$6 billion through the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) new Emergency Relief Program (ERP) to offset crop yield and value losses.</p> <p>"For over two years, farmers and ranchers across the country have been hard hit by an ongoing pandemic coupled with more frequent and catastrophic natural disasters," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "As the agriculture industry deals with new challenges and stressors, we at USDA look for opportunities to inject financial support back into the rural economy through direct payments to producers who bear the brunt of circumstances beyond their control. These emergency relief payments will help offset the significant crop losses due to major weather events in 2020 and 2021 and help ensure farming operations are viable this crop year, into the next growing season and beyond."</p> <p>For impacted producers, existing Federal Crop Insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) data is the basis for calculating initial payments. USDA estimates that phase one ERP benefits will reach more than 220,000 producers who received indemnities for losses covered by federal crop insurance and more than 4,000 producers who obtained NAP coverage for 2020 and 2021 crop losses.</p> <p>Additional USDA disaster assistance information can be found on farmers.gov, including the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool. For FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service programs, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Read the full Press Release here!</p> <hr/>	

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USDA NASS GEARING UP FOR 2022 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

Conducted once every five years, the ag census looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income, and expenditures. It is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Even small plots of land – whether rural or urban – count if \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the census year. The Census of Agriculture tells the story of American agriculture over time.

Key Dates:

- June 30, 2022 – Sign up for those who do not already receive NASS surveys, and censuses end
- November 2022 – ag census mails out and data collection begins
- February 6, 2023 – response deadline

[Sign up Here to be Counted](https://nass.usda.gov/AgCensus)

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WBDC Equity Match Grant

APPLICATION PERIOD: MAY 23 – JULY 3, 2022

The Women's Business Development Council's Equity Match Grant Program is designed to help Connecticut women-owned businesses grow! Grants between \$2,500 and \$10,000 will be awarded for clearly defined projects that will have a measurable impact on the business, its growth and profitability. The grant funds cannot be used towards operating expenses, payroll, or real estate improvements. Applicants are required to provide a minimum 25% match.

Eligibility

Businesses must:

- be at least 51% woman-owned
- have been established for at least two years
- have a record of annual sales/revenue in the last twelve months greater than \$25,000 and less than \$2,000,000
- be headquartered in CT, registered in the state of CT and owned by a CT resident
- be owned by a woman at least 18 years old
- be in good standing with the CT Department of Revenue Services (DRS) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
- have an established business checking account
- utilize a formal, digital bookkeeping/financial system (e.g., QuickBooks)
- be a for-profit business, or a non-profit that derives 75% or more of the organization's revenue from a social enterprise

The following businesses are not eligible:

Child care businesses (see <https://ctwbdc.org/childcare-business/funding> for info on funding opportunities for child care businesses); businesses that have received a grant from WBDC in the last two years; medical marijuana; liquor stores and alcohol distributors; adult businesses such as strip clubs; vape retailers; tobacco shops and smoking lounges; businesses having to do with gambling; gun stores and ranges; cash advance, check cashing, or pawn shops; bail bonds; collection agencies or services; and auction or bankruptcy or fire or "lost-our-lease" or "going-out-of-business" or similar sale

Match Requirement

Applicants are required to provide a minimum 25% match.

For example, if the business receives a \$10,000 grant for the purchase of new software, the business must have invested \$2,500 in their business over the past 12 months OR be able to invest an incremental \$2,500 of their own funds in that purchase.

Information Sessions

For more information on the application process, register for a live or pre-recorded information session at ctwbdc.ecenterdirect.com

Thursday, May 26	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Thursday, June 2	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Monday, June 6	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Wednesday, June 8	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Tuesday, June 14	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Thursday, June 16	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Wednesday, June 22	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Monday, June 27	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

What Previous Recipients are Saying

"The grant has given me the support I needed to grow my business. In the short amount of time since I received it I have grown my clients, my space and online presence. More importantly, I feel confident in the success and continued growth of my company."

"The WBDC Equity Match Grant allowed me to put in place systems that have streamlined and optimized our sales process. Without the extra 'push' of preparing to apply for this grant, I would have less specific financial data and fewer strategic plans to use to grow the business. It has also encouraged me to take the leap into hiring employees. I'm grateful for WBDC, not just for the funds, but for the extra motivation."

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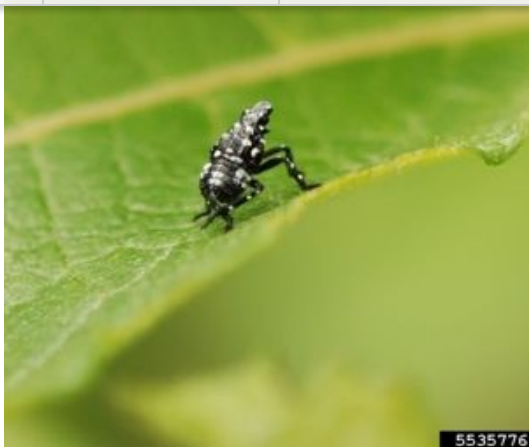


Learn more at ctwbdc.org/equity-match-grant-program/

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SPOTTED LANTERNFLY: NOW HATCHING

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station has issued a Quarantine Order with defined restricted areas for the exotic pest spotted lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula* (SLF for short). This insect has been detected in Connecticut with established populations detected in Fairfield and New Haven Counties and single individuals intercepted in numerous towns. The spotted lanternfly is a new plant pest to the United States and represents a threat to Connecticut's environment, residential areas, and agricultural interests, particularly forests, orchards, vineyards, and nurseries. The purpose of this quarantine is to slow the spread of SLF within the state and provide for certification of Connecticut businesses for movement of regulated articles out of state and help protect the economic interests of the state's agricultural industries by suppressing, controlling or eradicating infestations of spotted lanternfly in regulated areas, and provide by inspection or compliance agreement methods to permit the movement of regulated articles not infested with spotted lanternfly.

The quarantine order was renewed January 1, 2022, and will remain in effect until December 31, 2022, after which the quarantine may be renewed, rescinded by the Director, or replaced by the promulgation of regulations. [View the quarantine order.](#)

HOW TO IDENTIFY SLF

The spotted lanternfly eggs masses are laid on practically any surface including trees, stones, trash cans, side of a house, etc. during the fall. Egg masses are yellowish-brown in color, and most are covered with a gray, waxy coating prior to hatching (USDA, 2019). They may appear wet or sticky when fresh. **You will see eggs from September to May.**

Spotted lanternfly eggs hatch in the spring and early summer. Early instar nymphs are black in color with white spots; fourth instars nymphs are red with black and white spots. **You will see nymphs from April to October.**

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		<p>lower red patches and upper black patches, separated with a white section in between. The red hindwings are mostly hidden unless the wings are spread. Adult SLF crawl, jump, or fly short distances. You will see adults from July to November.</p> <p>WHERE IS SLF FOUND?</p> <p>While tree-of-heaven, <i>Ailanthus altissima</i>, is a favored host tree, spotted lanternfly may be found on other trees including maple, walnut, and willow. It feeds on agricultural crops like apples, grapes, hops, as well as other fruit trees. It is native to China, India, and Vietnam. The adults tend to congregate on the tree-of-heaven and other host trees in the fall.</p> <p>To identify <i>Ailanthus altissima</i>: click this link to view the tree-of-heaven identification fact sheet</p> <p>Please check your vehicles for stowaways! Inspect your vehicles, trailers, and other items for SLF adults and egg masses when travelling through areas with known or suspected SLF populations. These insects are known to hitch a ride on vehicles and even clothing. Jump to: where SLF has been seen.</p> <hr/>	

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DO YOU WANT TO BE AN URBAN FARMER?

UConn Extension of Fairfield County and Green Village Initiative are hosting an **Urban Farmer Training Course**.

Taught by Jacqueline Kowalksi, UConn Urban Agriculture Extension Educator.



May–October 2022 @ 122 Arctic St, Bridgeport, CT

Course Schedule

- **Tuesdays, 6–8pm:**
Class Instruction (beginning 5/3)
- **May 14 & May 15:**
Garden cleanup and planting weekend (Rain dates: 5/21, 5/22)
- **Fridays, 4–6pm:**
Rotating participation in garden maintenance and harvest
- **Saturdays, 9am–2pm:**
Rotating participation in farmers market vending (beginning 6/18)

About the Course

- Meets once a week in person.
- Includes classroom topics and hands-on learning in the outdoor garden classroom.
- Opportunities to harvest, prep and sell vegetables produced in the class at a Bridgeport Farmers Market on Saturdays.

Cost: \$200/person

To register contact GVI at:
communitygardens@gogvi.org
or (203) 612-4107.
Scholarships available.



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A poster for the BECA en español program. The background is a deep maroon color. At the top, the text "BRAIDING SEEDS" is written in a light, sans-serif font. Below it, "BECA en español" is written in a larger, bold, yellow font, with "en español" in a script font. The main text, "CONVOCATORIA ABIERTA HASTA EL 30 DE MAYO DE 2022", is in a white, sans-serif font. Below this, the text "Recursos, desarrollo profesional y asesoramiento para apoyar agricultores" is in a yellow, sans-serif font. The application link "LINK PARA APLICAR: HTTPS://BIT.LY/BECAAPLICACION" is in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, there are two logos: one for "FARMERS OF COLOR LAND TRUST" and another for "BRAIDING SEEDS FELLOWSHIP". On the right side, there is a decorative illustration of a plant with pink and white flowers and green leaves.

RESOURCES FOR SPANISH SPEAKING FARMERS

Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust is announcing La Beca Braiding Seeds en Español. Please share this opportunity with the Beginning Spanish Speaker Farmers in your networks across the East Regions. La Beca Braiding Seeds en Español provides beginning farmers with resources, professional development in Spanish, and mentorship in Spanish to support their livelihood on land.

Link to the application (in Spanish): <https://forms.gle/EAxscW8HTuyjMiAs6>
FAQ website (in Spanish): <https://nefoclandtrust.org/beca-braiding-seeds>

The Application Deadline is May 30.

Nos unimos al Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust para anunciar esta oportunidad de La Beca Braiding Seeds en Español. Por favor comparta esta oportunidad con sus conocidos en el este de USA. Esta beca esta dando la oportunidad a agricultores que hablen español de tener acceso a recursos economicos, desarrollo profesional y mentorias para poder así ayudarles a tener un sustento digno de la tierra.

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Enlace para la aplicación: <https://forms.gle/EAxscW8HTuyjMiAs6>

Preguntas Frecuentes: <https://nefoclandtrust.org/becca-braiding-seeds>

La fecha límite para aplicar es el 30 de Mayo!



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Pickup only

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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON AGRITOURISM

The International Workshop on Agritourism is coming to Burlington, Vermont, from **August 30 to September 1, 2022**. Join agriculture and tourism industry professionals from the United States and beyond for an exciting program full of educational sessions, poster presentations, hands-on workshops, farm tours and networking events. Farmers, agricultural service providers, tourism experts and those interested in learning more about agritourism are all encouraged to attend and share your own knowledge, experiences and expertise!




International Workshop
on Agritourism


Scholarships are available for farmers, students and others who demonstrate financial need and can illustrate how they would benefit from attending the conference.

Avian Influenza (AI)

What is it?



- AI is a virus carried by migratory waterfowl (ducks and geese).
- Domestic poultry (chickens, turkeys, fowl) are susceptible and will become very sick.
- The virus is believed to originate in Eurasia and spread into Canada and the Atlantic Flyway through wild geese and ducks.
- Migratory bird flyways cross the United States. Connecticut is in the Atlantic Flyway.









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If you have sick or dying birds, please contact
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Biosecurity Basics

Protect Your Flock From Avian Influenza



-  Cover chicken coops and runs to prevent contact with wild waterfowl and their droppings.
-  Wash hands before and after working with birds.
-  Change food and water daily.
-  Provide disposable boot covers and/or disinfectant footbaths for anyone having contact with your flock.
-  Clean and disinfect tools or equipment before moving them to a new poultry facility.



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LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE CREDIT TO START OR GROW YOUR FARM? THE NATIONAL YOUNG FARMERS COALITION IS HERE TO HELP!



LEARN ABOUT THE USDA'S LOAN PROGRAMS THROUGH THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA). OUR COALITION WON A MICROLOAN PROGRAM IN THE 2014 FARM BILL TO MAKE THESE LOANS MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR YOU!

We know that it may not be easy to work with government programs due to historical and ongoing discrimination against BIPOC farmers. Young Farmers has a farmer on staff who can answer questions for BIPOC farmers about the loans and walk you through the application.



CALL OUR FARMER TECHNICAL ASSISTANT SHAKERA RAYGOZA TO LEARN MORE AT

SHAKERA@YOUNGFARMERS.ORG OR 518 643 3564 EXT. 1

USDA FSA Loans feature low interest rates (rates 2-3% as of February 2022), and do not use credit scores to determine eligibility.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF LOANS:

MICROLOANS

- Up to \$50,000 in Operating Loan funds and \$50,000 in Ownership Loan funds, for a total of \$100,000
- Repayment terms are 1-7 years
- Same uses as Operating and Ownership loans
- A streamlined application process with less paperwork

OPERATING LOANS

- Up to \$400,000
- Up to 7 years to repay
- Use funds for infrastructure, livestock, feed, seeds, equipment, labor, fertilizers, rent, family living expenses, etc.

OWNERSHIP LOANS

- Up to \$600,000
- Repayment terms are up to 25 years
- Use funds to purchase or enlarge a farm, make a down payment, promote soil and water conservation and protection, or pay closing costs
- Funds can also be used to purchase, improve, or build structures related to the farming business

Farm operating expenses, including, but not limited to, feed, seed, fertilizer, pesticides, farm supplies, repairs and improvements which are to be expensed, cash rent and family living expenses. Other programs include farm storage loans, living expenses under the loans above, down payment loan, guaranteed loan program, and youth loans.

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PARA EMPEZAR O HACER CRECER TU GRANJA? NATIONAL YOUNG FARMERS COALITION (LA COALICIÓN NACIONAL DE AGRICULTORES JOVENES) ESTÁ AQUÍ PARA AYUDARTE.



CONOCE LOS PROGRAMAS DE PRÉSTAMOS DEL USDA A TRAVÉS DE LA AGENCIA DE SERVICIOS AGRÍCOLAS (FSA). ¡NYFC CONSIGUIÓ UN PROGRAMA DE MICROCRÉDITOS EN LA LEY AGRÍCOLA DE 2014 PARA QUE ESTOS PRÉSTAMOS SEAN MÁS ACCESIBLES PARA TI!

Sabemos que puede resultar difícil trabajar con los programas del gobierno debido a la discriminación histórica y actual contra los agricultores BIPOC. Young Farmers tiene un agricultor en el equipo que puede responder a las preguntas de los agricultores BIPOC sobre los préstamos y ayudarles con la solicitud.



LLAMA A NUESTRA ASISTENTE TÉCNICA DE AGRICULTORES SHAKERA RAYGOZA PARA HABLAR MÁS A FONDO EN

SHAKERA@YOUNGFARMERS.ORG O AL 518 643 3564 EXT. 1

Los Préstamos FSA del USDA presentan tipos de interés bajos (tipos del 2-3% a partir de febrero de 2022), y no utilizan puntuaciones de crédito para determinar la elegibilidad.

MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LOS DIFERENTES TIPOS DE PRÉSTAMOS:

MICROCRÉDITOS

- Hasta 50.000 dólares en fondos de Préstamos de Explotación y 50.000 dólares en fondos de Préstamos de Propiedad, por un total de 100.000 dólares
- Los plazos de reembolso son de 1 a 7 años.
- Los mismos usos que los de Explotación y Propiedad
- Un proceso de solicitud agilizado con menos papeleo

PRÉSTAMOS DE OPERACIÓN

- Hasta 400.000 dólares
- Hasta 7 años de reembolso
- Uso de los fondos para infraestructuras, ganado, alimentos, semillas, equipos, mano de obra, fertilizantes, alquiler, gastos de manutención de la familia, etc.

PRÉSTAMOS EN PROPIEDAD

- Hasta 600.000 dólares
- Los plazos de reembolso son de hasta 25 años
- Los fondos se utilizan para comprar o ampliar una granja, hacer un pago inicial, promover la conservación y protección del suelo y el agua, o pagar los gastos de cierre
- Los fondos también pueden utilizarse para comprar, mejorar o construir estructuras relacionadas con el negocio agrícola

Los gastos de funcionamiento de la granja, incluyendo, pero no limitándose a, alimentos, semillas, fertilizantes, pesticidas, suministros de la granja, reparaciones y mejoras que deben ser contabilizadas, alquileres en efectivo y gastos de manutención de la familia. Otros programas incluyen préstamos para el almacenamiento de productos agrícolas, gastos de manutención en el marco de los préstamos anteriores, préstamos para el pago inicial, programa de préstamos garantizados y préstamos para jóvenes.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD RESEARCH INITIATIVE GRANT

The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Education and Workforce Development (EWD) focuses on developing the next generation of research, education, and extension professionals in the food and agricultural sciences. In 2022, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) requests applications for the AFRI's Education and Workforce Development program areas to support:

1. professional development opportunities for K-14 educational professionals;
2. non-formal education that cultivates food and agricultural interest in youth;
3. workforce training at community, junior, and technical colleges;
4. training of undergraduate students in research and extension;

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Grant applications are due by October 27, 2022.

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[Middlesex Livestock Auction - CT](#)

Prices provided on May 16, 2022

[New Holland Dairy Auction - New](#)

[Holland, PA](#)

[CT Farmers' Market Prices](#)

Prices provided on October 22, 2021

[New Holland, PA Hay Report](#)

[Northeast Regional Eggs](#)

[USDA Mexico Canada Weekly Update](#)

[New England Shell Eggs](#)

[Wholesale Fruits & Vegetables - Boston](#)

[Pennsylvania Weekly Cattle Auction Summary](#)

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[Pennsylvania Livestock Auction - Eighty Four, PA](#)

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2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance—we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

3-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. [Sonpal's Power Fence](#) 860-491-2290.

50-R. The SIG Insurance Agencies offer a wide range of carriers, can save you up to 23% on your farm insurance and provide better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call us for all your insurance needs with locations in CT, RI, NY and NH. Contact our AG department at 866-346-3744, option 4.

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Upcoming Events

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SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND SOIL HEALTH TRAILER TOUR
Featuring Fay Benson, Cornell University

These hands-on field workshops will use practical demonstrations to illustrate the value of healthy soil. Learn about soil health and the management practices you can implement to protect your land

Monday, June 20th ~ 1:00 pm
Miller Farm - 1732 Fort Bridgman Rd, Vernon, VT 05354
This event will focus on soils for pasture and grazing dairy cattle
Sponsored by: American Farmland Trust
Contact: Kristen Irvin at kirvin@farmland.org for more information

Tuesday, June 21st ~ 1:00 pm
UMass Crop & Animal Research & Education Farm - 89 River Rd, South Deerfield, MA 01373
This event will focus on soils for vegetable and corn production as well as pasture and grazing
Sponsored by: Northeast SARE
Contact: Sam Corcoran at sglazeccorcoran@umass.edu for more information
This material is based upon work supported by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, through the Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program

Wednesday, June 22nd ~ 1:00 pm
Walnut Lane Farm - 33 Koebeke Rd, Dudley, MA 01571
This event will focus on soils for pasture and grazing livestock and poultry
Sponsored by: American Farmland Trust
Contact: Kristen Irvin at kirvin@farmland.org for more information

Thursday, June 23rd ~ 2:00 pm
Windmist Farm - 71 Weeden Lane, Jamestown, RI 02835
This event will focus on soils for pasture and grazing livestock
Sponsored by: Rhode Island Farm Bureau
Contact: Heidi Quinn at haquinn@rifb.org for more information

Friday, June 24th ~ 9:30 am
Scantic Valley Farm - 327 9th District Rd, Somers, CT 06071
This event will focus on soils for pasture and grazing beef cattle
Sponsored by: Tri-State SARE Project
Contact: Rachel Bessuda at rachel.bessuda@uconn.edu for more information
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Service providers & Farmers welcome

There is no fee to attend but pre-registration is required for all events. Once registered, you'll receive more information as the event approaches

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CONNECTICUT HEMP FEST

June 2, 2022
Hosted by
Running Brook Farms
219 Route 80
Killingworth, CT 06419

- 3-7pm Visit Vendors & Exhibitors
- 3-5pm Updates from the Field & Greenhouse
Grower Panel Discussions:
Hemp IPM
Reduced tillage for plant growth & soil health
Hemp Tour
Soil Health Rainfall Demo
- 5-7pm Social, Food & Live Music
Seed Swap
Clone Sale

\$15.00 PER PERSON
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